

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for operating a telephony-over-LAN (ToL) system, comprising:
- 3 providing a graphical user interface (GUI) in a computer;
 - 4 providing a ToL client window within said GUI;
 - 5 manually placing said ToL client window into a guest mode; and
 - 6 preventing an unauthorized user from accessing functions of said
 - 7 computer external to said ToL client window in said guest mode.
2. A method according to claim 1, said preventing including monitoring a location of a pointing device cursor and preventing said pointing device cursor from being moved to a location external to said ToL client window.
3. A method according to claim 1, said preventing including monitoring a manipulation of a cursor and preventing said cursor from allowing selection of a function which would cause an exit from said ToL client window.
4. A method according to claim 1, said preventing including monitoring inputs from a keyboard and preventing processing of inputs which would result in an exit from said ToL client window.
5. A method according to claim 1, said preventing including setting a password to determine whether a user is authorized to access said other functions.

1 6. A method according to claim 1, said preventing including
2 maximizing said ToL client window and preventing an unauthorized user from
3 de-maximizing said ToL client window.

1 7. A telephony-over-LAN (ToL) system, comprising:
2 means for providing a graphical user interface (GUI) in a computer;
3 means operably coupled to said GUI providing means for providing a
4 ToL client window within said GUI; and
5 means for preventing an unauthorized user from accessing functions of
6 said computer external to said ToL client window.

1 8. A system according to claim 7, said preventing means including
2 means for monitoring a location of a pointing device cursor and preventing
3 said pointing device cursor from being moved to a location external to said
4 ToL client window.

1 9. A system according to claim 7, said preventing means including
2 means for monitoring a manipulation of a cursor and preventing said cursor
3 from allowing selection of a function which would cause an exit from said ToL
4 client window.

1 10. A system according to claim 7, said preventing means including
2 means for monitoring inputs from a keyboard and preventing processing of
3 inputs which would result in an exit from said ToL client window.

1 11. A system according to claim 7, said preventing means including
2 means for setting a password to determine whether a user is authorized to
3 access said other functions.

1 12. A system according to claim 6, said preventing means including
2 means for maximizing said ToL client window and preventing an unauthorized
3 user from de-maximizing said ToL client window.

1 ~~13.~~ A telephony-over-LAN (ToL) client terminal, comprising:
2 a microprocessor programmed to provide a ToL client window in a
3 graphical user interface of said ToL client terminal;
4 a mouse controller operably coupled to said microprocessor and
5 configured to receive signals from a cursor pointing device; and
6 a keyboard controller operably coupled to said microprocessor and
7 configured to receive signals from a keyboard; wherein said microprocessor is
8 programmed to monitor signals from said mouse controller and said keyboard
9 controller and not allow performance of other functions not related to ToL
10 operations.

1 14. A ToL client terminal according to claim 13, where said
2 microprocessor is programmed to prevent a cursor from being positioned
3 external to said ToL client window.

1 15. A ToL client terminal according to claim 13, where said
2 microprocessor is programmed to maximize said ToL client window and
3 prevent an unauthorized user from de-maximizing said ToL client window.

1 16. A ToL client terminal according to claim 13, wherein said
2 microprocessor is programmed to monitor a manipulation of a cursor and
3 prevent said cursor from allowing selection of a function which would cause
4 an exit from said ToL client window.

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